Offer to Granda Television series for Doordarshan

2556. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADSCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Granada TV has offered episodes from the serial "End of Empire", for screening on the Doordarshan;

(b) whether before accepting the offer, these episodes will be seen to ensure that they do not contain any matter repugnant to our national interests;

(c) whether any payment is to be made to the Granada TV on this account, if so, what is the amount and the foreign exchange content involved; and

(d) what payment has been made for the serial "Jewel in the Crown" and what other serials are proposed to be taken from the Granada TV for being shown on the T. V.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) A sum of US Dollars 15,000 was paid to M/s. Granada TV London as Royalty for screening of the 'Jewel in the Crown'. A sum of Rs 9553.00 was also paid to M/s. I.T.V towards Import duty and air freight charges.

Doordarshan has also purchased two programmes entitled 'Adventures of Sherlock Homes' and 'World in Action' from Granada T. V.

विदेशी सांस्कृतिक आक्रमण का मुकाबला करने के लिए कच्छ क्षेत्र में दूरदर्शन का शक्तिशाली ट्रांसमीटर

2557. **श्री मीर्जा इर्शाद बेग** : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या कच्छ क्षेत्र (गुजरात) के पड़ोसी देशों के काफी निकट होने और भारतीय दूरदर्शन केन्द्र इससे बहुत दूर होने की वजह से यहां भारतीय टेलीविजन सैटों पर भारतीय दूरदर्शन द्वारा प्रसारित कार्यक्रमों की अपेक्षा अन्य पड़ोसी देशों द्वारा प्रसारित किये जाने वाले दूरदर्शन कार्यक्रमों को प्राय. देखा जा सकता है जिससे इस क्षेत्र में विदेशी सांस्कृतिक आक्रमण का सदा खतरा बना रहता है;

(ख) क्या इस क्षेत्र में दूरदर्शन का एक अधिक शक्तिशाली ट्रांसमीटर लगाये जाने का विचार है; और

(ग) इस सांस्कृतिक आक्रमण का मुकाबला करने के लिये क्या कदम उठाये जाने का विचार है और इस संबंध में निर्णय को कब तक कार्यान्वित कर दिया जायेगा ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री वी० एन० गाडगिल) : (क) से (ग) ऐसे समाचार हैं कि सामा-पार के टेलाकास्ट कच्छ क्षेत्र में प्राप्त हैं । कच्छ जिले के भागों में राजकोट तथा द्वारका के दर्शन ट्रांसमीटर से सेवा प्राप्त होती है । इस समय भुज में भी अल्प शक्ति वाला ट्रांसमीटर स्थापित किया जा रहा है । इस क्षेत्र में घरेलू दूरदर्शन सेवा को सुदृढ़ करने के लिये सातवीं योजना अवधि के दौरान भुज के अल्प शक्ति वाले ट्रांसमीटर के स्थान पर 10 किलोमीटर वाट की उच्च शक्ति वाला ट्रांसमीटर लगाने का प्रस्ताव है। तथापि, इस परियोजना का कार्यान्वयन धन-राशि की वर्ष-वार उपलब्धता पर निर्भर करेगा

Lack of Civic amenities in Kalkati Extension

2558. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that water supply in D.D.A. flats in Kalkaji Extension area is inadequate, salty and not fit for drinking;

(b) whether it is also a fact that other civic amenities like sanitation are also inadequate; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to provide filtered water and other civic amenities in that area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Encroachment of public land in Kalkaji Exitension, Delhi

2559. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the encroachment of public land opposite Pocket A-10 and A-11 in Kalkaji Extension by Jhuggi dwellers;

(b) whether this land has been earmarked for Commercial Complex | Community centre|cinema and nursing home;

(c) whether transit camps have been constructed for Jhuggi dwellers; and

(d) if so, by when these jhuggi dwellers are likely to be shifted to these camps?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The land in between the two pockets is earmarked for a Higher Secondary School.

(c) and (d) The DDA has reported that no specific transit camp has been constructed for these jhuggi dwellers as there is no immediate proposal for shifting these jhuggies.

Publication on Periyar E.V. Ramasamy

2560. SHRI VALAMPURI JOHN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the publication on the life and work of periyar E.V. Ramasamy proposed to be undertaken in 1986; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) and (b) Keeping in view the pressure of work in the Publications Division on account of the various biographies under 'Builders of Modern India' series, which are in the pipeline, the publication of biography of Periyar E. V. Ramasamy cannot be undertaken in the near future.

Popularity of 'Hum Log' and Rajni T.V. Serials

2561. SHRI VALAMPURI JOHN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a survey conducted by the Indian Market Bureau on television programmes which has revealed serials 'Hum Log' and 'Rajni' are not popular in Madras and Calcutta and these programmes attract only 20 per cent to 25 per cent of the audience;

(b) whether Government have undertaken any review into the utility of these programmes; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Doordarshan conducted an Audience Research Survey at 10 centres spread all over India in March, 1985. The survey indicated that serials as a format has gained wide acceptance among the TV viewers. Serials like 'Hum Log' and 'Yeh Jo Hai Zindgi' have a high rate of viewing even in towns surveyed in the South such as Chengalpettu and Pondicherry and also in Eastern centres like Bhagalpur and Rourkela. 'Rajni' was introduced after this survey; however, as per Press reactions, the serial has proved to be extremely popular.

Residential Units for Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha Secretariats

2562. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per recommendations of the Parliamentary Pay